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HONG KONG FOR RMO, RSS

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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD-DISCIPLINE

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, A TOTAL OF SIX (6) MSGS WILL BE SHIPPED OUT OF POST FOR ADMITTED DRUG USE. THREE HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED AND REMAINING THREE WILL MOVE OUT THIS DATE,

2. LAST NIGHT, OCT 1, AT APPROXIMATELY 2130 HRS, TWO (2) OF THE MEN DUE TO LEAVE, WHILE OFF DUTY AND WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION, TOOK TWO VEHICLES (ONE STATE- ONE USAID) FROM THE CHANCERY COMPOUND FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE. APPROXIMATELY FORTY MINUTES LATER THEY RETURNED THE VEHICLES IN A DAMAGED CONDITION AND FAILED TO REPORT THE INCIDENT.

3. STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM AVAILABLE WITNESSES ESTABLISHING BEYOND A DOUBT THAT SGT. WILLIAM A. THOMPSON AND CPL. LANCE E. BROTHERS WERE THE MEN RESPONSIBLE. THE TWO WERE WARNED OF THEIR RIGHTS BY THE NCOIC AND RSO AND VOLUNTRILY EXECUTED STATEMENTS ADMITTING THEY TOOK THE VEHICLES AND CRASHED INTO ONE ANOTHER WHILE DRIVING AROUND THE CITY DURING CURFEW.

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4. THROUGH THE GSO THE TWO MSGS HAVE AGREED TO PAY FOR ALL NECESSARY REPAIRS AND WILL DEPART THIS DATE AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED.

5. NCOIC MCCLENAHAN WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON THIS MATTER THROUGH RMO HONG KONG. COURT MARTIAL PROCEEDINGS WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR VIOLATING A DIRECT ORDER, MISUSE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND FAILURE TO REPORT DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. RSO CONCURS THIS WAS A TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE ACT AND WILL SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS OF NCOIC.
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